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### Alternative for drivers in Houston area

September has been declared Commute Solutions Month. The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority are encouraging commuters to try vanpooling.

Anyone who joins a vanpool during September will be offered two months free, a savings of up to \$ 140 per rider. More than 4,100 motorists in the Houston area have joined vanpools.

A luncheon was held recognizing corporate and individual commuter leaders for their commitment to the program. Thirty local companies meet the Environmental Protection Agency's national standard of excellence and have earned the distinction of Houston's Best Workplaces for Commuters.

Commute Solutions provides advice and assistance on commuting options and employee transportation programs. Visit [www.commuter-solutions-hou.com](http://www.commuter-solutions-hou.com) or call 1-888-606-RIDE.